

# **Friends of Paplin, Inc.**

## **Meeting Minutes**

August 20, 2023, 1 p.m.

### **Opening**

The meeting of the Friends of Paplin, Inc. was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on August 20, 2023, at the Polish Heritage Center in Ashton, Nebraska, by President, Mike Gappa.

### **Present**

Those present were Mike Gappa, Stacie Gappa, Mike Ference, Betty Poss, Jerome Reimers, Joe Jonak, Diane Jonak, Renee Jonak, Diane Chelewski, Janelle Mostek, Deloris Stanczyk, Jim Stanczyk, and Rose Kowalski.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A copy of the minutes from the monthly meeting on June 18, 2023, was distributed. Janelle Mostek made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted, which was seconded by Stacie Gappa. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Currently, there is \$15,868 in the checking account and \$35,268 in the savings account.

The current report for the Mount Carmel Sunday (MCS) proceeds were:

**Income:** \$13,220.10, which included donations, a bake & garage sale from Donna Gappa, memorials, silent auction, and raffle (both MCS and Palm Sunday).

**Expenses:** \$1,079.83, which included supplies, raffle ticket printing, advertising (Phonograph/Herald), and Porta-Potty rentals. This would result in a profit of approximately \$12,140.27.

Diane stated some funds were transferred to savings, but with Kruse's beginning work on the two stained-glass windows, a 1/3 payment of \$5,622 would be due. In addition, a check was written to Kathy Mostek in the amount of \$4,765 for the work on the altars and statues. The insurance premium is also coming due. It will be in the \$6,000 range.

### **Old Business:**

The plaques for placement under the stained-glass windows were passed among the members. Comments about how they turned out were good. Diane C. gave a copy of the stained-glass window assignments/sales to Mike Gappa. He will install the plaques below the appropriate windows.

Diane Jonak suggested we have a reference guide for the stained-glass windows so those visiting the church could view this information. Diane Chelewski said she could put one together.

Diane Jonak also reported that a new bench was made by her brother and is ready to be moved in front of the cross outside of the church. It will be permanently fastened to the sidewalk.

Discussion was held on different companies that might be able to repair the furnace prior to our Christmas Day Mass. It was also suggested that estimates for an A/C system be obtained at this same time. Diane and Joe Jonak volunteered to take care of this issue.

Diane Jonak has someone who would like to donate to a project ranging from \$500-\$1000. It was suggested that perhaps the replacement of the altar lights would fit this requirement.

### **New Business**

The renting of the church and hall was again discussed as it was on August 21, 2022. Rose read a portion from the minutes of that meeting. According to our mission statement, we are preserving the "historic" culture of the church and having only Catholic ceremonies in the church will be a guideline. We will continue to rent the church for \$100 until the end of the year but will have Janelle Mostek bring back some renting guidelines from other halls/churches for the next meeting. We will decide on rental amounts, deposits, rules, and additional guidelines at this time.

### **Open Discussion/Additional Comments**

Many have been asked what our next big project will be. Some have mentioned repairing the basement of the hall, painting the interior of the church, and still others have suggested air conditioning of the church. All attending were asked to bring a list of projects for the Paplin property to the next meeting, we will prioritize and finalize that list.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by Betty Poss; seconded by Diane Jonak. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m. by President Mike Gappa. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 17, 2023, at 1 p.m. in Ashton at the Polish Heritage Center.

Minutes submitted by:     Rose A. Kowalski